

## WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A developing apparatus in an image forming apparatus, comprising an agitation/transfer means for supplying the developer while agitating the same to a developing roller for developing the latent image formed on a photo conductor, and a toner accommodating means which has a toner supply opening and is mounted detachably above said agitation/transfer means, the toner in said toner accommodating means being to be supplied to said agitation /transfer means through a toner receiving opening located above the agitation/transfer means, wherein a guide member is provided at said toner receiving opening such that said guide member extends from the toner receiving opening toward the agitation/transfer means near to the same to surround the pathway of the toner falling from the toner accommodating means in order to prevent the piling up of toner between the agitation/transfer means and developing device proper.

2. A developing apparatus in an image forming apparatus, the developing apparatus comprising an agitation/transfer means for supplying the developer while agitating the same to a developing roller for developing the latent image formed on a photo conductor, and a toner accommodating means which has a toner supply opening and is mounted detachably above said agitation/transfer means, the toner in said toner accommodating means being to be supplied to said agitation /transfer means through a toner receiving opening located above the agitation/transfer means, wherein a guide member is provided on said toner accommodating means such that, when the toner accommodating means is mounted above the agitation

/transfer means, said guide member extends through the toner receiving opening toward the agitation/transfer means near to the same to surround the pathway of the toner falling from the toner accommodating means in order to prevent the piling up of toner between the agitation/transfer means and developing device proper.

3. The developing apparatus in an image forming apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said guide member is formed in the shape broaden toward the agitation/transfer means.

4. The developing apparatus in an image forming apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said guide member is formed such that the agitation/transfer side thereof is shaped to run along the rotational circumference of the agitation /transfer means.

5. The developing apparatus in an image forming apparatus according to claim 1 or 2, wherein a scraper for scraping out the toner piled at the guide member part is provided to the agitation/transfer means at the location corresponding to the location of the guide member.

6. The developing apparatus in an image forming apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the developing apparatus is provided with a shutter mechanism which allows the toner receiving opening to be opened or closed by means of the guide member.

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